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FIRE AT NEWARK CONSUMES HOME

Family of Thomas Kirby Narrowly Escapes Death in Early Morning Blaze.

DISCOVERED BY DOWLING

A. T. Biddle, Deputy County Clerk, and Newark Fire Department Work Heroically to Save Building.

W. Rose and family, residing in the house of Thomas Kirby, at Newark had a narrow escape from death by fire, as the result of a conflagration which totally destroyed the building Tuesday morning.

The fire was discovered by John Dowling and Miss A. N. Foster, who were returning to their home in Newark about 3 o'clock in the morning from a trip to the Panama-Pacific exposition. When near the Rose home the motorists noticed a dense cloud of smoke pouring from a shed in the rear. The smoke was interspersed with flashes of flames which were rapidly gaining in size.

Leaving Miss Fowler to arouse the neighbors, Dowling rushed to the house and attempted to arouse the family. His efforts met with no success. He then went to the side of the house and broke a pane in the window.

The occupants of the room were aroused and taken from the building. Meanwhile an alarm of fire had been turned in and the community turned out. They fought the flames with fire extinguishers.

The family was given shelter at the home of a neighbor.

The origin of the fire has not been determined. It is believed that it started in an adjoining woodshed which was filled with a quantity of eucalyptus wood. The burning wood with its pungent odor caused smoke so dense that the firemen had great difficulty in finding their way through the rooms of the house.

Arthur T. Biddle was the first to reach the scene of the flame and direct the work of the department.

Most of the furniture was saved, but the building, which was one of the oldest in Newark, was burned to the ground.

The building was the property of Thomas Kirby, now a resident of Oakland. Mrs. Kirby came to Newark the following day.

ANOTHER AUTO BUS LINE

Dr. C. M. Thomas Wants to Operate Auto Bus Service Here.

M. L. Mowry, who had been appointed a representative of the Centerville Chamber of Commerce to go to Santa Rosa and investigate the proposition of Dr. C. M. Thomas regarding automobile transportation, returned this week with glowing reports of the service.

Mr. Mowry stated that he had ridden on the various lines operated by Dr. Thomas throughout Sonoma county and had talked with patrons of the line and found them enthusiastic.

Dr. Thomas has a line running from Santa Rosa to Healdsburg, a distance of 17 miles, over which he makes six trips a day; a line from Healdsburg to Cloverdale, 18 miles, 3 trips a day; Santa Rosa to Sonoma, 23 miles, two trips daily. Over these lines he does a passenger and freight business which is satisfactory to the public and profitable to Dr. Thomas and his company.

Mr. Mowry reports the roads in Sonoma county to be in worse condition than the roads in Washington township, hence a bus line of the kind and equipment operated in Sonoma county presents an even more favorable prospect to investors here than there.

The plan of organization and operation outlined by Dr. Thomas is to organize a stock company. Of the capital stock he and a friend will take one-half or one-third. The rest he wishes to sell to the residents of the county. He plans to follow the state highway with his main line and run feeders to other points, thus completely covering the territory. At first he expects to do a passenger business only, but later may go into the freight business. He

states that such a line can be organized at a minimum cost of \$20,000.

A committee of service for high school pupils is one of the features under consideration. The cars used are specially fitted to haul 8 passengers with tops equipped to carry hand baggage.

Luther Biddle, the plant wizard, of Santa Rosa, is one of the heavy stockholders in the Sonoma county company.

TRAGEDY AT SAN LEANDRO

John Foster Shot His Wife and Himself Tuesday Night.

John Foster, a ranch hand, well known in Niles and vicinity, shot his wife and then turned the revolver on himself at San Leandro about 6 p. m. Tuesday.

The tragedy took place Tuesday night at the Benzel ranch, where Mrs. Foster was residing with her brothers, Frank and Joseph Enos. She had obtained a divorce from Foster some time ago.

Foster followed his former wife to the ranch and fired four shots at her, afterward turning the revolver on himself, before officers could prevent. The young daughter, clasped in the mother's arms, escaped unharmed.

Foster had been brooding over the divorce which his wife had obtained and becoming intoxicated made up his mind to commit the crime.

At the time of the shooting Mrs. Foster was sitting at the fireside with a friend, Mrs. Mary Andrade. After the shooting, Mrs. Andrade, under the impression that the man was dead sent in a call for assistance and neighbors took Mrs. Foster to the county infirmary. After being shot for bullets, Dr. C. A. Wills examined the man and found that his wounds were superficial.

Foster will be the sight of one eye. It was removed by Dr. Wills at the infirmary. Monday he was removed to the county jail at Oakland. The woman will also be removed.

BLACKSMITH SHOP ROBBED

Not Every Is Motive.

Monday night the blacksmith shop of A. Amaral at Decoto was entered and a motor and blower and other tools and implements taken from the building.

Constable Frank Rose was summoned from Niles and began an investigation. He expresses an opinion, based upon certain clues in his possession that the intruders did not enter the place and carry off the machinery for purposes of gain, but that the motive was one of revenge or malice.

Yesterday Mr. Amaral went to San Francisco and purchased new machinery and tools to take the place of those stolen.

Late yesterday afternoon an empty box which had contained dies and some broken casting from a motor were found in a field some distance from the blacksmith shop.

CENTERVILLE BUSINESS PLACES ENTERED BY BURGLARS THURSDAY

Garage and Drug Store Sustain Small Losses.

Burglars were again busy in Washington township last week. Thursday night the Centerville garage, owned by H. R. Randall was broken into and a number of bench tools stolen, among them two large screw drivers.

Lernhart's drug store was entered the same night and \$5 taken from the cash drawer. Entrance to the drug store was gained by prying open a rear door. The implements used to force the door were the same screw drivers that had been taken from the garage the same night.

Constables Frank Rose of Niles and Joseph Soito of Newark are working on the case.

ROBBERY AT ALVARADO.

Japanees Pool Room Broken Into and \$59.40 Cash Taken.

Tuesday night a poolroom occupied by Japanees at Alvarado was broken into and robbed. The robber got \$59.40 cash, a suit of clothes, silver watch and chain, two pairs of underwear and other small articles. Constable Frank Rose and Joseph Soito are working on a clue that is expected to bring the burglars to bay.

BRICK YARD IN CANYON IS SOLD

Costello Brothers of Oakland Take Over Property This Week.

WILL MAKE SEWER PIPE

Legal Complications Are in Process of Adjustment by Trustee for Various Bondholders of the Concern.

According to reports given out, the purchased of the plant of the Niles Brick company, located in Niles canyon, to the California Pottery company Twenty-third avenue, Oakland, was arranged this week.

Costello Brothers, owners of the pottery firm, which manufactures sewer pipe, have already taken possession of the plant, and a spur track is being run into the property.

The sale has not yet been consummated owing to certain legal complications that are now undergoing adjustment.

E. A. Ellsworth of Niles and A. Sidney Jones of Hayward, are the largest bondholders in the concern.

According to F. V. Jones of Niles, brother of the Hayward bondholder, the plan of procedure is for the bondholders to foreclose on the property and then sell it to the Costello company. This the trustee for the bondholders has refused to consent to until money enough to pay foreclosure proceedings was available. This, it was stated would amount to \$10,000. It is understood that the purchasers have advanced this amount, with the understanding that at least 75 per cent of the plant would be sold.

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Forgetful to Return Horse.

Wednesday evening a young man, stranger in Niles, rented a rig from Andrew Kell, liverman. He told Mr. Kell that he wanted to drive to Mission San Jose. He paid for the rig and drove away. This morning Mr. Kell received a telephone message from the Dexter Stables, San Jose, that his rig had been left there by the man, who had left instructions to communicate with Kell. The reason for the man's change of mind is unknown. Kell went after his property today.

Auto Collision Near Niles.

Yesterday afternoon an automobile loaded with cigars, owned by Bercovich of Oakland crashed into an Alco gravel truck, driven by one Madero near Niles. The cigar company's automobile was badly damaged while the gravel truck was unharmed. A special railroad policeman, who was riding on the cigar firm's machine was badly cut about the hands and face by broken glass from the windshield.

The Bercovich machine was hauled to Niles and is being repaired by the firm of Rose Bros. It weighs seven tons and was brought in in less than three hours.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HONORED IN SELECTION OF JUDGE MATTOS

Centerville Man to be Master of Ceremonies at P. P. I. E. Tomorrow.

One of the most flattering evidences of ability and popularity ever shown to a resident of Washington township was made manifest by the selection of Jno. G. Mattos of Centerville as master of ceremonies at the dedication of the Portuguese building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, in San Francisco tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Mattos is one of the best known Portuguese-American residents in California. He is an officer in the Supreme Council U. P. E. C. For several years he occupied a position of trust in the United States Custom House at San Francisco, and has represented his people in the California state legislature. He is now justice of the peace of this township. At a banquet given to the Portuguese commissioner in Hotel Oakland some months ago, Justice Mattos was honored by being selected to act as toastmaster, and the manner in which he performed his duties on that occasion, doubtless helped influence his choice for the new honors.

At the ceremonies tomorrow addresses will be made by C. C. Moore, president of the Panama-Pacific International exposition; William Bailey Lamard, United States commissioner

of exhibits; Simon L. Ferreira, Portuguese consul in San Francisco; Manuel Roldan, commissioner to the exposition and personal representative of the Portuguese government; Hiram W. Johnson, governor of California; James R. Rolph, mayor of San Francisco. These addresses are to be of about five minutes duration.

One of the features of the celebration will be the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Portuguese national hymn by a chorus of 200 Portuguese girls.

The dedication ceremonies will take place at the Portuguese building beginning at 2 p. m. sharp. A large delegation of the Portuguese residents of this township are expected to be in attendance.

TO ATTEND SEWER MEETING

Niles Woman's Club Sends Delegates to Attend Mass Meeting.

Representatives of the Niles Woman's club have been selected to appear before the meeting of the Niles Sanitary Board next Wednesday night and present the case of the ladies in the open discussion of a sewer system.

Mrs. George MacRae, Mrs. E. L. Chittenden, Mrs. P. S. Oakeshott were selected for this duty.

The woman's organization have gone on record as favoring sewers and the ladies expect to be able to do their part in helping to attain such an end.

DROVE WHILE DRUNK.

L. W. Shinan Convicted of Driving an Automobile While Intoxicated.

L. W. Shinan of San Leandro was convicted by Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond of Niles Monday for driving his motor car while under the influence of liquor. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$30. Shinan was arrested by Traffic Officer L. A. Sloan on the road between Niles and Decoto.

Deputy District Attorney Myron Harris of Oakland represented the state. The undersheriff of the county was

in view of Shinan's previous offenses.

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WEATHER REPORT TO DATE FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Over 28 Inches of Rain Fell During February.

The Press has arranged with Miss L. A. Barry to furnish the weather report in future. Miss Barry is too well known to all who have interested themselves in meteorological matters to need introduction to those who value weather reports. For the benefit of those who do not know her we will say the reports are methodical and accurate and her results are obtained by means of the best instruments obtainable. She has over thirty years' records to consult for comparisons, all of which were so accurately kept as to be scientific sources of information.

The following resume of this season's precipitation will prove of interest in view of no other published report bearing specifically on this section:

Our rainy season commenced October, 1914. For the month of October rain fell to the amount of 0.89 inch; November, 0.51; December, 6.11; January 5.54; February 7.41. Total to February 28: 30.46 against 20.22 inches to the same date last year. It rained 21 days in February. We have sufficient rain, without irrigation this year, so far.

COMMERCE BODY ELECTS OFFICERS

With One Exception, a Complete New Corps Is Chosen For Ensuing Term.

HAD A VERY BUSY SESSION

Facts and Figures Presented Anent Cost of Brick Pavement to Replace Materials on Highway.

Business of importance was transacted at the meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday night. Election of officers was held and resulted in the selection of the following to serve for the ensuing year:

President—M. B. Sneden. Vice-President—Horace J. Craft. Secretary—P. A. Ellis.

Treasurer—Andrew Kell. Directors—E. A. Ellsworth, J. E. Jacobus, A. K. Zwissler, F. V. Jones. These gentlemen, together with the officers form the board of directors of the chamber.

Delegates to the Associated Chambers of Commerce—Horace J. Craft, F. V. Jones, C. B. Overacker and E. A. Ellsworth.

M. B. Sneden, the new president, is too well known in Niles to need any introduction. As a leading merchant and member of the Chamber he has given considerable of his time and ability to the uplift of conditions that confront the people, and his election is a fitting tribute to his work.

Horace J. Craft, has recently moved to Niles. Mr. Craft, during his short residence here has shown himself to be a worker of rare ability.

P. A. Ellis, the new secretary, is

of the organization was honored by re-election, this showing far more than words, the esteem and respect in which he is held by the members. Mr. Kell is the only old officer to be re-elected.

Eleventh-hour opposition to the candidacy of Roy Morgan, defeated that member for the secretaryship. At the previous meeting Mr. Morgan, when nominated, stated that business out of town would prevent his giving proper attention to the details of the office.

Beautification Committee Reports.

Horace J. Craft, chairman of a committee appointed to take up the matter of parking certain railroad property, facing on Front street, Niles, with the Southern Pacific company, reported. According to Mr. Craft, the railway officials informed him that it was contrary to the policy of the company to allow civic bodies to park any of their property. Such action in other parts of the state, they claimed, had been the cause of considerable trouble. Mr. Craft reported that his suggestion that the Niles body proceed to beautify the section without permission, met with such emphatic adverse advice that he felt impelled to advise the chamber that further work by the committee would be useless. The committee was discharged with thanks.

Gas Seems to be "Hot Air."

R. D. Baronda, chairman of a committee appointed to take up the subject of a gas plant for Niles, with its promoters, reported that no word had been received from them for several months, and expressed the opinion that the gas was "hot air." No action was taken on the report.

Sullivan Interviewed.

F. V. Jones, appointed to interview Roadmaster T. J. Sullivan regarding the muddy condition of Niles streets, reported that as Mr. Sullivan was present he doubtless would make some statement. Sullivan, not to be tempted by the Siren's call, offered to answer questions, but would not leave a way open for cross-examination by making any statement. The committee was discharged.

The committee appointed to work on an advertising folder, reported through its chairman, E. A. Ellsworth, to the effect that progress was being made. Several communications for literature of this vicinity were referred to the secretary.

Applications for Membership

Applications for membership were received from Ed. Walker, barber; Charles Dealy, photo chemist of the Esanay company, R. Robinson, tobacco dealer and T. L. Meyer, manager of the California Brick company.

Highway Committee's Report.

The committee having in charge the matter of state highway, reported through its chairman, M. B. Sneden, to the effect that work was to be commenced on the tenth of this month and pushed forward as rapidly as weather conditions would permit.

R. D. Baronda, having in mind the last "Mulligan" served by the Chamber proposed another one, but his suggestion failed to receive the necessary support at the time.

W. S. Dickey and E. R. Penfield of the California Brick company were present and spoke on the use of vitrified brick as a street covering. They submitted facts and figures to support their proposition. A lively discussion followed, and the matter was left in the hands of the highway committee.

Before adjourning attention was called to the meeting of the Sanitary Board next Wednesday evening to discuss the matter of a sewer bond election. A large attendance was urged.

BRICK FIRM GIVES FIGURES

W. S. Dickey and E. R. Penfield Make Proposition to People.

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, E. R. Penfield and W. S. Dickey of New York and Kansas City, respectively, both officials of the California Brick Co., appeared and made a definite proposition regarding the paving of Front street, Niles, with vitrified brick.

Mr. Penfield stated that the present road had a good foundation and that the work could be done at a minimum of cost.

Said Mr. Penfield: "If the State Highway Commission can be prevailed upon to allow the town of Niles the sum of \$1.15 a square yard—the amount of the work in

will be a great improvement on the job. As the state highway is only 18 feet in the center of the street, that leaves 14 feet on each side unpaved.

"We are in a position to put down the street at 20 cents per square foot. At this rate the price for paving from the curb to the state highway's strip would amount to \$2.80 a front foot. Paving in this manner from the curb to the highway strip would cost the owner of a 25-foot lot about \$70.

"The greatest feature of the work would be that no money need ever be spent for repairs. Brick streets have been laid for from twenty to thirty years in the east, and still show no signs of wear."

M. B. Sneden, chairman of the highway committee said: "We want an accurate and detailed statement of the cost of the work. During our efforts to get property owners to sign up for concrete street work, we found some who were absolutely averse to paying a cent more than they had to, and these people will have to be shown the whys and wherefores."

Mr. Sneden went on to say that he personally was in favor of brick for a street, and thought that home industry should be encouraged, but wanted more data before the committee could proceed.

Penfield agreed with the chairman of the committee and made a plea for joint action between the citizens of Niles and the brick concern.

Horace J. Craft made an earnest appeal to the citizens gathered to support both the brick street and sewer projects now under consideration. Mr. Craft cited instances of streets which have come under his personal supervision, and claimed that the name and fame of Niles would be spread by having a good street. He added that a hundred dollars spent on a street would enhance the value of property along the improved thoroughfare.

The matter was left in the hands of the Highway committee, consisting of M. B. Sneden, F. V. Jones and George MacRae.

School Trustees Met.

The trustees of the Niles grammar school—Mrs. C. B. Overacker, Dr. C. L. McKown and Andrew Kell met last Friday to decide as to what disposition to make of some old blackboards belonging to the school district. No definite action was taken.

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS

REGISTER KICK AT STATE HIGHWAY

Hotel Men Say Conditions in This Township Are Holding Up Traffic.

ROADS ARE IMPASSIBLE

Printers Complain at the Letting of a \$9000 Contract to a San Francisco Concern.

Declaring that automobile traffic to Oakland had been paralyzed because of the fact that contractors on the state highways had left their work unfinished and asking that something be done in the matter in the way of temporary relief, a delegation of hotel men headed by Victor Reiter of the Hotel Oakland, and John B. Jordan, manager of the Oakland-Berkeley Hotel and Apartment association, appeared before the board of supervisors last Monday morning.

The committeemen claimed that much of the business that is to accrue to this city during the exposition will come by wealthy tourist traffic in automobiles and that scores of machines are being held up between San Jose and Warm Springs and in the Altamont hills because contractors had left the roads in an impassible condition.

Female Doctor Appointed.

Dr. Minora E. Kibbe was appointed by the board as a physician at the county infirmary at \$100 a month. Fred W. Moore was named janitor in the justice court at \$25 a month. The appointments of M. P. Scott, M. J. Campbell and John Carey as deputy sealers of weights and measures was approved by the board.

The supervisors were requested to meet at the Hotel Sacramento March 7 for a discussion of legislation on road control and maintenance which is considered of vital importance to supervisors all over the state.

Following this discussion there will be a meeting with

It was filed by a number of publishing companies and printers on this side of the bay on the letting of a \$9000 printing contract to a San Francisco firm. The Oakland concerns claimed that the money of the county should be spent on this side of the bay.

ASKS RECEIVERSHIP.

U. P. Takes This Means of Straightening Out Affairs.

The directors of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad, which controls the Western Pacific railroad, at a meeting held in New York on the 27th of last month, decided that application would be made for a receivership for the Western Pacific after that company had defaulted on the interest on its first mortgage bonds due March 1st.

It was said that the proceedings would be of a friendly nature, and that the course had been decided on as the best one to adjust the financial difficulties of the road.

Warren Olney will probably be named as receiver.

NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM.

Stanton & Juhl Have Opened Offices in Register Building, Niles.

Competition in service, the only competition that spells anything but death, will be furthered by the entrance of Stanton and Juhl into the real estate business in Niles as agents. Both these young men as too well known to need introduction, and their records are such that commendation would take the complexion of flattery. They will conduct business from the building that houses the Register where where they have furnished an office, installed a lady attendant and are accessible by telephone.

In addition to a general sales, exchange and rental business Stanton & Juhl will write insurance, on life, fire, accident and health.

The Press takes pleasure in commending the new firm to any who have business in their line. Now is the time for those who have property to sell to list it. The weather is such that within a week or so lots of easterners will be passing through the township to see the 'cots in bloom and contrast our weather and resources with that of their ice-bound homes.

MATTOS COLLECTS \$200.

Many "Speed Burners" Pay Penalty for Indiscretion.

Fines and forfeitures of bail amounting to \$200 were collected in the court of Justice of the Peace Jno G. Mattos at Centerville Monday morning.

One woman, Mrs. A. H. Elliot of Oakland was included. She deposited \$25 bail and her case was continued until March 22.

The crowd of speeders gathered in by the traffic officers entered general pleas of guilty and the same fine—\$25 was administered in all cases. Some stepped up smilingly and paid their fines; others the assessment didn't strike so funny, and, judging from the expressions on their countenances as they put up the required sum, they felt very much "put out." In a few cases the court agreed to take the money on the installment plan.

Those whose cases came before the court were Jack Buchanan, Oakland; R. O. Nelson, Berkeley; F. Taylor, Oakland; W. Frates, San Leandro; Dan Black, Oakland; Mrs. A. H. Elliot, Oakland; Warren Blackett, W. P. Jones, E. Flick, John Doe Wilson, Jack Amitti, R. Nelson, W. T. Jones, V. Eff, O. A. Harris, E. C. Harvart, D. Daly, L. S. Beard, P. H. Peterson, O. L. Star, B. Kirk, L. P. Porter, J. C. Phillips, W. P. Jones, George Stanley, A. Flick, J. Warfert, J. Sherman, Ted Close, J. Schwitzer, M. Peters, M. C. Dee, J. Corgono, W. A. Hewlitt, M. Arrata, A. Napo, L. C. Beard, L. A. Arbell all of whom claimed Oakland as their home.

In some instances cases were postponed until future dates.

Some of the convicted men pleaded their desire to get out of a rain storm as the reason for excess speed, which caused the court to comment that "some men speed because weather is good and some because it is bad."

Jack Buchanan, who drives a jitney bus in Oakland, and received but \$2.50 a day salary, was directed by the court to pay his mother \$6 a week for a month and then report to the court.

"But," added Justice Mattos, "I want it to be real money—not Peruvian coin. I know that mothers sometimes are willing to help their sons out of scrapes, and I have means of finding out whether she received the money or not. Your mother probably needs \$25 worse than the county needs your money."

Following this discussion there will be a meeting with

Harris of Oakland.

Over Half a Million at Fair.

The official figures for the paid attendance at the Panama-Pacific International exposition for the first week were given out by the department of admissions as 619,000. The average daily attendance was 88,428.

You may have goods on your shelves but you must advertise to sell them.

WATER PURCHASE CAUSES A SCRAP

San Francisco Administration Forces Want \$7,000,000 For Water System.

INVESTIGATION IS ASKED

Walsh Wants to Know Something of the Lawsuits that Are Pending But Rolph Forces Turn Him Down.

As indicted in an editorial in The Press last week the political forces in San Francisco are lining up on the Spring Valley purchase proposition. The following from the San Francisco Chronicle, of Tuesday, will serve to show the alignment and give an idea of the arguments and methods used by the Rolph forces:

"The board of supervisors yesterday refused Supervisor Power's resolution to add \$7,000,000 to the proposed Spring Valley purchase bond issue for the purpose of providing funds for the rebuilding of the city's distributing system.

It has been admitted by the engineers that the present system of water mains in the city streets would have to be replaced in order to give an adequate service. The administration supervisors, who voted against asking the people for the authorization for the expenditure which would be necessary if the city purchased the Spring Valley plant, did so on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Committee that the millions could be taken from the Hetch-Hetchy bonds.

This, it was pointed out, was equivalent to an admission that the construction of the Hetch-Hetchy system had been abandoned by the administration policy. But no one at the city hall appears to consider the authorization of bonds for the purchase of Spring Valley at the present offered price a serious contingency.

The administration forces also put the crusher on Supervisor Walsh's resolution for an investigation of the profit of 7 per cent on \$13,000,000 of city bonds.

to buy Spring Valley at the \$14,500,000 figure.

Walsh wanted an investigation and report on pending lawsuits against the water company, but this the administration supervisors also denied, although it was admitted that the land owners in the Niles cone were preparing to bring a suit, which they would file the day of bond election, so that their claims may be in evidence before a vote is taken.

WILL PAY MORE FOR EGGS

Livermore Poultrymen's Union Discuss Proposition.

A matter of considerable interest to local poultrymen was discussed at the meeting of the Livermore Valley Poultrymen's Union last week. This was the proposition from George Beck & Sons to handle the eggs of the union members on a basis that would pay the producers about a cent a dozen more than they at present receive from San Francisco and Oakland dealers.

Chester M. Black addressed the meeting and explained the proposition. The matter was taken up again at the last meeting in the town hall on Monday evening, March 1, at which time offers from buyers were considered. One of these is from the egg buyer of the Hayward Poultry Producers' association.

A petition to the state legislature favoring a national embargo on the exportation of wheat was discussed from the Sonoma County Poultry Producers' association. The sense of the meeting on this matter was that while an embargo would help the poultry farmers it would work against the interest of our grain growers. Therefore no action was taken as the union believes that all farmers should stand together. —Livermore Herald.

Farm Bureau Meetings.

The following meetings of the farm bureau have been announced by Farm Adviser W. H. Nixon:

Hayward, Monday, March 1.
Castro Valley, Friday, March 5.
Murray Township—Monday, March 5.

Pleasanton, Wednesday, March 10.
Oakland Day, Friday, March 12.
Irvington, Tuesday, March 16.
Centerville, Friday, March 19.
Newark, Monday, March 22.
Niles, Wednesday, March 24.

The government built more than two thousand miles of trail and three thousand miles of telephone line on the national forests in 1914.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow, and as R. D. Blacow, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow, and as R. D. Blacow, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within ten (10) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, 1101 Union Savings Bank Building, northeast corner of Thirteenth street and Broadway, in the City of Oakland, California.

ROBERT A. BLACOW, Administrator of the estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow and as R. D. Blacow, deceased.

Dated, Oakland, March 3, 1915.
THOMAS C. HUXLEY, Attorney for said administrator, Union Savings Bank Building, Oakland, Cal.

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Hynes Hired.

W. H. L. Hynes, district attorney of this county, was elected president of the association of that organization's convention recently. Other officers elected were:

Vice-President: Clarence F. Lea, district attorney of Sonoma county, to succeed W. H. L. Hynes.
Secretary, Franklin J. Hynes, district attorney of San Mateo county to succeed himself.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda.

No. 14. In the matter of the estate of Rosa Isabel Gomes, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the above named deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos Jr., at Centerville, Alameda county, California, which said office is at her place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Rosa Isabel Gomes, deceased.

MARIA KING, Administrator of the estate of Rosa Isabel Gomes, deceased.

Dated, February 4, 1915.
JNO. G. MATTOS JR., Administrator, Centerville, Cal.

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 8th day of March, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., in the annex to the City of Oakland, in the City of the Hall of Records, the application for a license to sell and distribute liquor at a license for the election precinct, Newark, in Newark, Cal., will be heard.

D. E. GROSS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Dated Oakland, Cal., Feb. 15, 1915.

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Lowrey's Chocolates

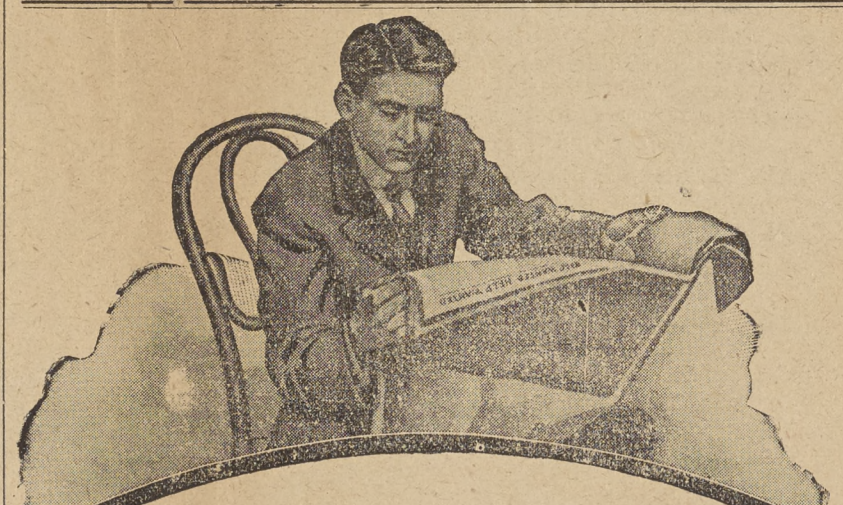
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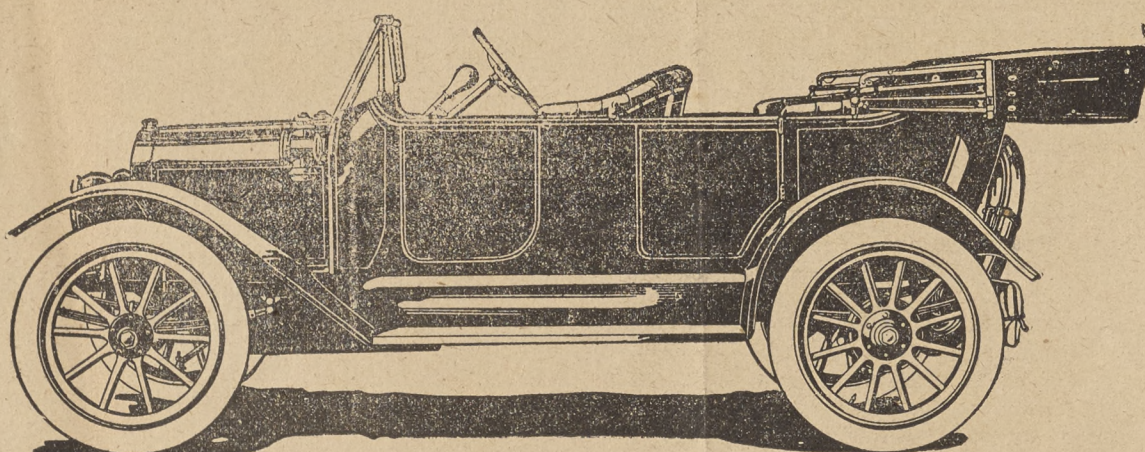
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In response to numerous inquiries regarding the rules and regulations governing the sending of farm products to city residents the following is submitted:

Parcel post matter for local rural route and first and second zone shall embrace all matter, including farm and factory products not now embraced by law in either the first, second or third class.

Parcels shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight. In size they shall not exceed 72 inches in length and girth combined, nor in form and kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery.

Preparation for Mailing.

Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such manner that the contents can easily be examined. They must bear the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "From."

How to Pack.

Anything liquid or liquefiable must be placed in a bag, box or removable envelope or wrapping made of paper, cloth, parchment or similar material and inclosed in a box or tube of metal or wood with a sliding clasp or screw lid.

In case of such articles liable to break, the inner bag or box or envelope must be surrounded by sawdust, excelsior, cotton or similar substance.

Parcel Post Zones.

The first zone includes all territory within the 50-mile limit of your postoffice in any direction.

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DIGEST OF BILLS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AFFECTING AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION

THIS page will be devoted to publication of measures pending in the State Legislature that affect, primarily, the farming and labor interests of the country. We are enabled to place the service before our readers through the courtesy of the Legislative Bureau of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. The digest should be carefully read and if there appears anything you believe inimical to your interests the subject matter should be taken up with the legislative representative who introduced it. E. E. Bowles, secretary of the Legislative Bureau of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, who is a trained newspaper man of wide and practical experience and native ability, will gladly furnish added information that is of general interest through the columns of The Press. May your inquiries through this paper so as to avoid, in so far as possible, duplication of information.—Ed.]

Assembly Bill 306, by Judson—This bill empowers boards of supervisors to appropriate and use county funds not to exceed \$10,000 in any one year for extension of work in agricultural and home economics in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture and the University of California.

Assembly Bill 307 by Dennett—Amends section 78 of the Act to provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts, which section has reference to lands which shall be excluded from the district on petition by the owner or would not by reason of being permanently devoted to uses other than agricultural, horticultural, or grazing, be directly benefited by the actual irrigation of same and inserts "not susceptible to irrigation from a common source or by the same system of works with other lands of said district."

Assembly Bill 98 by Spengler—This is the eight-hour law defeated at the November election. It provides that no person shall be employed more than eight hours during one day of twenty-four hours or more than forty-eight hours in one week, in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, laundry, hotel, public lodging house, apartment house, hospital, place of amusement or restaurant, telegraph or telephone establishment or office in this state. The bill does not apply to the harvesting season, canning or curing of any variety of perishable fruit or vegetables nor to graduate nurses or hospitals. The labor bureau is to enforce the provisions of the act.

Assembly Bill 310 by Beck—Amends section 3 with reference to the organization and management of county water districts with reference to the hearing of petitions for the formation of such districts by the board of supervisors.

Assembly Bill 410 by Chenoweth—Provides that every horse-drawn vehicle and all vehicles propelled by muscular power while on the public highway shall from a half hour after sunset and a half hour before sunrise, carry a lighted lamp showing a white light, under normal conditions, at least two hundred feet in front and carry a red light in the rear visible for a distance of five hundred feet.

Assembly Bill 424 by Dennett—Repeals section 64 of the act entitled an Act to provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts. The section which it is proposed to repeal is as follows: "Navigation shall never be in anywise impaired by the operation of this act, nor shall any vested right, interest in or to any mining water rights or reservoirs, or dams now used by the owners or possessors thereof in connection with any mining industry or any other property now used directly or indirectly in carrying on or promoting the mining industry now be affected by or taken under its provisions, save and except that rights of way may be acquired over the same."

Assembly Bill 425 by Dennett—Amends Section 1416 of the Civil Code relative to work required to be done in the appropriation of water by including irrigation districts.

Assembly Bill 490 by Encell—Creates a department in natural resources with a secretary at a salary of \$7500; and combines under his office the following commissions: State board of Forestry and its members, the state forester, the California Redwood Park, State Conservation, State Fish and Game Commission and the State Registrar of lands under the Carey land act.

The department shall be organized into three bureaus known as the Bureau of Forestry, The Bureau of Fish and Game and The Bureau of Public Lands. The head of each bureau shall be known as a director.

Assembly Bill 491 by Encell—Creates the office of state forester at a salary of \$3000 and he is authorized to appoint an assistant, and deputy forester, the salaries of each not to exceed \$1800 per year. He shall have charge of the fire wardens of the state; protection and improvement of state parks and forests; enforces all the laws for the protection of forest, brush or grass land; enforces the fire laws to furnish assistance for protection from fire. Gives the forester authority to declare a public nuisance all \$5000 for the faithful performance of

declarations of such irrigation district are forest areas containing inflammable debris, which by reason of location or lack of protection may endanger life or property.

Assembly Bill 529 by Ream—Prohibits action for trespassing against owners of live stock whose stock may stray or run upon any unfenced private lands within the boundaries of any national forest of the state, if the owners of such live stock are holders of a grazing permit issued by the United States.

Assembly Bill 603 by Gebhart—Makes it unlawful for any person to bring into the state any horses, mules, dairy cattle or breeding bulls unless the same is accompanied by a certificate of health and tuberculin test record signed by a qualified veterinarian. Animals accompanying shipment of immigrant movables are exempt.

Assembly Bill 604 by Gebhart—Amends an act to protect domestic live stock from contagious diseases. Authorizes the governor to appoint an assistant state veterinarian at a salary of \$3000 per year; adds a new section to be known as section 6 1-2; invests the assistant state veterinarian and the deputies with all the powers and authority of the state veterinarian; repeals section 7 of the act; authorizes the state veterinarian to appoint a deputy veterinarian and a clerk; the deputy to receive \$2400 per year and the clerk \$1600. The state veterinarian is authorized to appoint additional deputies as necessary, whose salaries shall in no case exceed \$200 per month each.

Assembly Bill 621 by Harris—Designates all section lines running through any agricultural land in the state and the land on each side thereof for a distance of 20 feet public highways where the same shall be necessary to connect or accommodate farming operations.

Assembly Bill 694 by Quinn—Authorizes any county in the state to acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, land for public parks and to acquire, indebtedness, therefor. Upon petition of twenty-five per cent of the total registered voters of the county the supervisors shall call an election to vote on such park bond issue. Such bond issue shall require a two-thirds vote.

Assembly Bill 716 by Rigdon—Appropriates \$8700 for the establishment and maintenance of 53 yearly scholarships of \$150 each at the California Polytechnic school. These are to be apportioned one to each county. Failure of a county superintendent of schools to recommend a candidate before August 1, shall cause that county to forfeit its right to such scholarship.

Assembly Bill 818 by Spengler—Creates a state produce exchange of three members appointed by the governor. The annual salary of each commissioner shall be \$2500, the salary of the secretary \$1500; the salary of all other officers, experts, accountants, inspectors, clerks, laborers and other employees to be fixed by the commission. The commission shall establish and maintain three offices; one in San Francisco, one in Sacramento and one in Los Angeles. It will be the business of the commission to receive on consignment all agricultural, horticultural, dairy and farm products and products manufactured or processed therefrom, grown or manufactured within the state and fish caught within the waters of the state. All producers shall have the right to consign their products to the commission, whose duty it is to receive, preserve, sell and distribute all products of every kind and nature consigned to it, and dispose of it to dealers and consumers in the state or wholesale to the best advantage. The commission shall have the power to organize a system of packing and establish grades and standards in every line or produce. The commission is authorized to collect such fees, charges and costs for services as may be just and reasonable. The commissioners must give a bond in the sum of their duties. Two hundred thousand

dollars is appropriated to establish the business provided for by the act.

Assembly Bill 851 by Ashley—This is the fruit standardization bill—requires all packed fresh fruit to be packed in accordance with its specifications except that fruit sold in bulk without packing. Enumerates cherries, peaches, pears, plums and prunes, apricots, grapes and berries. Requires that all packed fruit shall be of uniform size, quality and maturity. Each box or container shall bear in plain figures

the minimum weight of the contents. Grapes shall be well matured and show a sugar content of not less than 17 per cent. It is the duty of the county horticultural commissioner to enforce the act. Where there is no commissioner it shall be the duty of the supervisors to appoint inspectors on petition. The act goes into detail as to the size of the box, its shape and the manner of packing. Violations of the act are declared a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$50.



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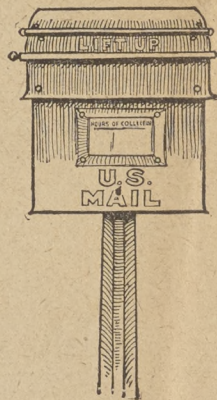
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Wrong in Theory and Practice

THE EDITOR of The Press does not believe in bond issues because he is fully convinced they are wrong—wrong in theory and palpably vicious in practice. They tend to foist debt upon generations yet unborn. They are the "visiting of the sins of the fathers on the sons unto the third and fourth generations." He believes in direct taxation.

The popularity of an idea or its lack does not influence his opinion nor its expression. He does not believe, however, in continually forcing his personal ideas upon the public. They are worth only as much as they are worth.

Some twenty odd years ago, when he advocated the initiative, referendum and recall (the "imperative mandate") he was called a "fool and a dreamer." Later when he espoused equal suffrage he was dubbed "the petticoat politician." Still more recently, when he pioneered the home-industry movement before the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, and defined it as now accepted and signed as the policy of that body and city, he was scouted as "a crank;" and when he climaxed his talk for the movement with, "My state California, my county Alameda, and my city Oakland," all but the last phrase proved too long or too broad for acceptance as a commercial shibboleth by those who now feel that the honor of Alameda county is in the balance.

These results and others make the writer rest confident that the time will come when those who now advocate indirect methods in taxation will be forced, through the very invocation of the vicious methods now in vogue, to capitulate to reason. Results of their folly will force it—the burden of interest on bonds.

The issue to be voted on on the 19th instant is small—so small that it is all but useless as an illustration of fact—nevertheless its weight will add to the hastening of the inevitable; for as one sin leads to another, as vice begets vice, and as all error teaches truth, so will the Panama-Pacific bond issue, if carried, assist in the correction of a vitiating custom. For that reason—believing the effect of its passage will teach more people than could possibly be influenced by argument or precept of ours—we will hereafter desist from cluttering space (except in a news way) with the subject. This does not necessarily mean, however, that we will be silent.

We do not believe it is privately upright nor publicly honest to mislead or permit the people to be misled, yet, right or wrong, it is our patriotic duty to abide by the will of the majority uncomplainingly. It is by this method only that we can hope to see more of our "dreams" come true.

The Press has sowed the seed of truth in its little garden. It trusts germination and fruition to doubtful elements. The crop cannot possibly be garnered by us. We feel that we have not commercialized God's highest gift to man—that we have not prostituted the one function that makes our specie the super-animal and entitles it to a claim of having been made in His image.

Again: We believe in the people. We will gladly abide by their decision uncomplainingly and with full confidence that the strenuous efforts to pass the million-dollar Panama-Fair proposition is the most conclusive possible evidence of the weakness of the principal involved.

"Buying a Lawsuit"

THE editorial leader in the San Francisco Chronicle of Wednesday last, under the above caption, took occasion to deal with the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in connection with their past performances in the Spring Valley matter in the following language:

The history of this city does not show another instance in which even the most corrupt Board of Supervisors has so persistently manifested defiance of public opinion as our present Board of Supervisors, which is not accused of corruption, is displaying in the matter of the Spring Valley atrocity.

Everybody who has paid any attention to the water situation knows that neither the Spring Valley company, the city or any other organization will be permitted to still further deplete the underground waters of Alameda county, except at the end of a lawsuit.

Even to get what it now takes, the company has been compelled to buy the property of opposing individuals at high prices, and that settled nothing except that that particular contestant was out of the way.

And yet, when a supervisor demanded that before the election there be an investigation of the legal status of the company's rights in Alameda county, and the prospects of litigation, that information was refused.

The Supervisors also refused to officially inform the people that extensive lines of the company's pipe must be torn up and larger pipes installed, for the alleged reason that the money could be taken from the Hetch-Hetchy fund for that.

What difference does it make where the \$7,000,000 is to come from, so long as the people have to pay it? Why should not the people be informed just how much of what they are asked to buy and pay for must be immediately scrapped?

If anybody asks us why the Supervisors persistently refuse to tell the whole truth about the proposed Spring Valley deal our reply must be that we do not know.

But they do not tell us the whole truth and cannot be shamed into it.

The DeYoung sheet has an unenviable reputation; nevertheless, in this instance it points procedure that should be followed by those who have our water interests in hand.

Why Not?

A COLOQUY occurred in a recent session of the Oakland City Commissioners that makes us wonder, Why not?

It seems that "Billy" Bacus introduced an ordinance to exempt architects from license fees, giving as the reason that they were the only professional men who were compelled to thus contribute to the city's funds.

Anderson, with the garrulity that ever marks him, objected to the taxing of all professional men, presented a counter proposition to that of Bacus by saying that "It discourages enterprise. Tax property. Don't tax brains."

Notwithstanding the determination of the mayor to "put a tax on all of them," the professions, the question arises why shouldn't "brains" always have been taxed. Doubtless the logic of the universal exception finds base in the theory that exempted the peddling of personal products both in the nature of artistic and scientific productions and articles grown or produced by the vendor. But in presence of our public school facilities, and the fact that such "brains" as Anderson meant are brewed in them, we wonder why they should not be taxed. As Mayor Mott, look upon them as a stock in trade, they should be compelled to contribute prorata toward the support of the government that not only trains brains but that offers opportunity for their employment.

It is such class distinctions as this that have done a great deal toward developing class feelings that are unhealthy and that should find no abiding place under republican forms.

An Innovation

"JOHN BARLEYCORN," by Jack London, has been chosen by the California State Board of Education as an English text book to be used in the schools throughout the state.

It is seldom that a work of a living author is thus singled out. It usually takes a generation for constructive effort to acquire the recognition necessary to becoming a standard. Educators, particularly, become conservative, and are so lacking in personal initiative and perception of the laws of social cause and effect that they are by turn arrogant and supine—arrogant in their self-sufficiency and and supine in their relationship to boards of directors. And more's the pity, for there is no single influence so great for future good or bad as that of the pedagogue. He is really the nation-builder. He takes the mind in its plastic state and forms it, to a great extent, into the generator of future citizenship.

The school teacher too often becomes hide-bound in matters of technique—regards the garb of thought, rather than the idea, as the thing paramount. He venerates the old and loves the beautiful; is intolerant of the new and doubtful of the socially utilitarian in literature. He reflects the infantile minds he dominates in his prejudices, and his attitude toward those who differ from him in tastes is often femininely supercilious.

"John Barleycorn," being a modern book—modern, more or less, in ideas, and modern in mode of expression and manner of illustration—it has none of the requisites that usually commend works to educators. It points a moral from a one-sided standpoint, hence cannot be considered a classic. It is a literary automobile rather than palanquin.

The school teachers and the youth of California are to be congratulated and the State Board commended for its departure from the time-worn precedent that voted only the works of men dead as fit pabulum for the youthful mind. It is this method largely that disgusts so many with letters and school work.

Un-American Competition

MADAM, you who are 'tending a few hens for the eggs you get for family use and the pin money you receive from the surplus, how do you like the competition of late from John Chinaman—not the local John, but the John of China? And, you, Mister, who have invested considerable money and more energy and study to scientifically making a hen rush herself to death on the job, how do you like the prospect for your business?

Now, then, think this over a while, both of you. John didn't hunt this market up. It was white men—energetic jobbers—"jobbers" in more than one sense.

The business man hunted the world over as soon as Americans had created demand for eggs, made the American breakfast table seem a desert without "henfruit" at least twice a week, for some source of competing in price with your commodity; and he found it in the land of the man who formerly competed with those of another day who are the unemployed of today.

We got together and excluded the Chinese from the country. He was brought here, first to compete with labor, by the Huntingtons, but as soon as he had freed himself from the peonage that was an incident to his coming, he began to compete with you. You liked him at first but when he began to gore your ox, then you changed your pean of praise of his "energy," "efficiency," "meekness," "steadiness" and the thousand and one other virtues of which he seemed possessed as a "hired man," and joined Dennis Kearney (rest his soul) in the discordant shout of the "rough-neck;" "The Chinese must go."

But we've digressed far enough. Lets back to the matter in hand. John no longer competes with any of us in person. It is the soul of his thrift and energy, a product of his "efficiency" and sun-tanned "energy" that the farmers of yore used to extol that now hurts.

How do you like it?

You don't hear your late ally of the exclusion movement, the working man, kicking about the competition. He likes 'em, at the price, just as you used to like John Chinaman, and for the same reason—because they are cheap.

And the cause of the trouble is the same—the business instinct. And the excuse for the un-American action is the same—the supply was unequal to the demand. And the demand was created by the same force—Americans. And (to complete the circle), American Huntingtons of lesser caliber and the same impetus, the same lack of patriotism and the same greed for gain are supplying the demand though at a much less cost to our national institutions.

How do you like it?

You are through with indirection. Legal methods—exclusion laws, tariff—won't correct the evil. You've got down to bed-rock now.

Tariff tinkers are too slow. Every poultry and egg producer in the county would go broke before the remedy would be forthcoming. You'll have to be direct in your methods.

Yours is a human issue now, Mr. Egg-Producer, and yours, Madam, is a personal matter. What are you going to do?

I'll tell you what you ought to do. You ought to boycott the fellow who handles these Chinese products. Use both the primary and the secondary boycotts—don't buy from him or sell to him and treat everybody else who does turn the grindstone of commerce while the business man sharpens a knife to cut your throat, industrially and economically, with the same attention.

In the meantime organize, BUT DON'T INCORPORATE, and do your work so that you can't be got on a conspiracy charge, if possible. Do it as labor does it—as quietly and as unostentatiously as may be, but do it.

You don't like to do such things (neither does organized labor) but you must do something, and the quicker you do it the better for all concerned.

And in this connection don't forget the various market laws now before the legislature. They will help some, but they will not cure the evils of price-competition—greed—which inspires your interest in them, or should. They're only remedies, not cures, for the evil, which business men will be compelled to circumvent.

If you are organized AND NOT INCORPORATED, you can go directly to the root of a trouble before it assumes the guise of an overshadowing obstacle to your economic growth and industrial and social development. ORGANIZE and co-operate with your industrial affinity, the city man who works with hand and head.

Resentment is strongest in those most prone to err.

Assertiveness is the mask of ignorance; a doubtful mien, more often than not, is the veil of wisdom.

TO HAVEST JOY.

We must not force events, but rather make
The heart soil ready for their coming,
as
The earth spreads carpets for the feet
of spring,
Or, with the strengthening tonic of the
frost,
Prepares for Winter. Should a July
noon
Burst suddenly upon a frozen world
Small joy would follow, even tho' that
world
Were longing for the Summer. Should
the sting
Of sharp December pierce the heart of
June,
What death and devastation would ensue!
All things are planned. The most majestic sphere
That whirls through space is governed
and controlled
By supreme law, as is the blade of
grass
Which through the bursting bosom of
the earth
Creeps up to kiss the light. Poor, puny
man
Alone doth strive and battle with the
force
Which rules all lives and worlds, and
he alone
Demands effect before producing
cause.
How vain the hope! We cannot harvest
joy
Until we sow the seed. And God
alone
Knows when that seed is ripened. Off
we stand
And watch the ground with anxious
brooding eyes,
Complaining of the slow, unfruitful
yield,
Not knowing that the shadow of our
selves
Keeps off the sunlight and delays results,
Sometimes our fierce impatience of desire
Doth like a sultry May force tender
shoots
Of half-formed pleasures and unshaped
events
To ripen prematurely, and we reap
But disappointment; or we rot the
germs
With briny tears ere they have time to
grow.
While stars are born and mighty planets
die,
And hissing comets scorch the brow of
space,
The Universe keeps its eternal calm.
Through patient preparation year on
year
The earth endures the travail of the
Spring.
And Winter's desolation. So our souls,
In grand submission to a higher law,
Should move serene through all the ills
of life,
Believing them masked joys.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Seamens' Bill Passed.

The United States senate passed the seamens' bill without roll call on the 27th. The bill had already passed the house.

Thus have over twenty years of undismayed effort on part of Andrew
The American sailor will
now cast off the shackles of limited
slavery that had him to conditions tolerable only in presence of want.

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July 24, August 21, September 18,
October 16, November 20, December 18.

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TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

NILES BREVITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osborne of Richmond visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Teeter, Niles, Sunday.

E. B. MacPherson was a business visitor in San Francisco Monday.

M. A. Breslauer is in San Francisco this week.

Roy Morgan has obtained a position in Oakland and is now commuting between Niles and that place.

E. A. Ellsworth spent Tuesday in San Francisco.

F. V. Jones was a San Francisco visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Potel were week end visitors in San Francisco.

Mrs. Leo White has joined her husband in San Francisco, where he is working with the Charles Chaplin company for the present.

O. N. Landreth formerly of Niles, now a guard at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, was a Niles visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. E. L. Chittenden, proprietor of the Belvoir, returned to Niles from a visit to the San Diego exposition Friday.

Mrs. Maude Rose and little son of Porterville are Niles visitors this week.

Ed. Nichols was a visitor in San Francisco last Friday.

F. R. Stanton spent the week-end in San Jose.

Professor Magee of the University of California motored up from Berkeley Sunday and spent the day with the family of J. C. Shinn.

Mrs. Frances Weister and Will Cobb of San Francisco visited Sunday with Mrs. Mayhew. Mrs. Cobb, who spent last week in Niles, accompanied them home.

Mrs. Schofield is in San Francisco this week attending the exposition.

Mrs. George MacRae was a San Francisco visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Halsey Bovee and two daughters of Chicago, who are attending the exposition, spent Saturday and Sunday with their relatives, Mrs. McHugh and Mrs. E. L. Chittenden at the Belvoir.

Mrs. O. E. Walpert, accompanied by friends visited the Exposition last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hatch Jr., and Mrs. M. M. Hatch from San Francisco came in Juneau, Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch have been visiting relatives in Niles and the bay cities for about three months.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gray of Oregon, have been spending the winter with the family of their daughter, Mrs. McClellan.

Mrs. H. F. Ahrenberg, who has been living in Ashland, Oregon, for the past six months has returned to Niles and will make her home with the family at the home of Mrs. L. E. Shinn.

Mrs. E. B. Eberly, wife of the manager of the California Nursery Company, has been confined to her home by illness. She is now under the care of a trained nurse.

The meeting of the Niles Bridge Club scheduled to be held at the home of Mrs. Chester Hatch, has been canceled, and will be held on the 23rd of the month. The change was made on account of the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hatch Jr., on that day.

CANDY STORE SOLD.

H. R. Rathbun of Marysville Buys Out J. S. Scott.

Another change of importance in mercantile circles of Washington township was consummated this week when H. B. Rathbun purchased the candy store and ice cream parlor of J. S. Scott in Niles. Mr. Scott will still retain his Livermore store.

Mr. Rathbun, who is a brother-in-law of Fred Nelson, Niles' coal and ice dealer, comes from Marysville where he has been engaged in business for several years. He will move his family to Niles.

It is Mr. Rathbun's intention to remodel the interior of the store and to put in a complete stock of candies. He intends to carry one of the largest stocks between Oakland and San Jose. He will cater to home parties and automobile trade.

Reports from Marysville regarding Mr. Rathbun's ability and progressive-ness leaves no doubt as to his success in Niles.

Mr. Scott, who has been owner of the place for the last 20 months will devote his entire attention to his Livermore establishment.

Wesley Has New Piano.

Another example of the enterprise shown by Mine Host White of the Hotel Wesley is the installation this week of an electric piano for the dining room of that hostelry. The instrument is of weathered oak finish and has an onyx front. This is but one of the many improvements added by Mr. White to the Wesley.

CENTERVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. Antrim Bunting is spending the week with relatives in Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McKenzie of Sullivan, Ill., spent several days with Mrs. A. T. Ames last week.

Mrs. Lawrence Bunting and son returned home Tuesday.

Thursday of last week Mrs. Hansen entertained the "Sweet Sixteen's". Mrs. P. Mathieson was the fortunate one. Mrs. Peterson four games. Miss Dusterberry won the booty. There was a delicious repast and an innovation inasmuch as the waiters also received beautiful prizes all made by the skillful hands of the hostess.

Everyone who could has visited the great exposition and returned more than pleased by its wonders. Never has there been such beautiful buildings or illuminations.

Mrs. M. C. Allen and Mrs. P. A. Bunting attended the Alameda Federation of Clubs in Berkeley Friday and Saturday.

MATTOS TO BUILD COURT

Centerville Justice of the Peace to Erect Modern Structure.

Washington township is soon to be equipped with two modern and convenient buildings for use of its justice courts. One at Niles is now nearing completion. The other will be built at Centerville, according to plans prepared for Justice of the Peace Jno. G. Mattos.

The new building at Centerville will be located on the site of the present court room. It will be one story in height, concrete front and have a tiled roof. The interior will be particularly adapted to the needs of a justice court.

"Just as soon," said Justice Mattos, "as the Niles building is completed and the rush of the auto speed cases can be taken there, work will be commenced here."

Humane Officer in Niles.

Walter Osborne, of Oakland, officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was a visitor in Niles yesterday. In discussing his work in this locality Mr. Osborne said: "The people in good shape. Most of the people have been educated to understand that abusing an animal decreases its working ability and its value, hence they are very careful of it. Alameda county has less trouble than any county in the state with its humane problems."

Ed. Nichols Goes South.

E. M. Nichols, formerly manager of the Niles Planing Mill, has accepted a position as superintendent of the Aldrich Lumber company, Salinas, Monterey county, which position he is well fitted to hold. Mr. Nichols went south Sunday. Mrs. Nichols, librarian, will remain in Niles for some time.

Becker Must Die.

Charles F. Becker, former New York City police lieutenant, now under sentence of death for complicity in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, a gambler was denied a new trial yesterday by State Supreme Justice Weeks.

ROSE BROS. FAME SPREADS

New Trouble Man Proves Popular With Automobile Owners.

The firm of Rose Brothers, garagemen, of Niles, has been quite popular of late. Since securing the services of Will Howie, expert troubleman, many owners have been bringing their cars into the garage and all have departed expressing the opinion that Mr. Howie certainly knows his business. In addition to this line of work the new welding machine recently installed by the company, has been working almost continually—people are beginning to understand that old casting can be repaired as good as new, and the cost is very small.

The firm also reports having done a large business in new and second hand motorcycles and new bicycles.

NEW FIRM DISSOLVED.

Salter & Mendoza Retire From Business After Brief Trial.

The firm of Salter & Mendoza which took over the garage of John Oliver a short time ago, was dissolved this week. Mr. Oliver has taken charge of the business and will conduct it in the future.

Signal Outfit Here.

The signal outfit of G. H. Clark, located at San Leandro, moved to Niles Monday. The outfit consists of four men and paraphernalia for the repair of railroad telephones. They will remain in Niles for a week or ten days.

OPERATION A SUCCESS.

Trerpinning to Remove Pressure on Brain Helps Girl.

After having been mentally unbalanced for seven years, Miss Azile Crane, 16-year-old daughter of M. N. Crane, rural mail carrier of Niles, is now able to be about again, and on the road to recovery as the result of an operation performed upon her head by Dr. Richford at the Lane Hospital, San Francisco.

The young girl was struck on the head with a stone while playing in Niles Canyon seven years ago, and her mentality has been impaired more or less since that time, despite the attempts made by surgeons of note in such matters.

At the Lane hospital, San Francisco, Dr. Richford removed a piece of flesh from the girl's leg and inserted it in a cavity in the head. The wound healed nicely and since the operation there has been no indication of any relapse into her former condition.

The operation in San Francisco was the fourth one that had been performed on the girl.

LADIES' GUILD MEETS.

Thirty-five Ladies Present at Gathering in Congregational Church.

The ladies' guild held its regular meeting at the parlors of the Congregational church, Niles yesterday afternoon. The clear weather brought out a large attendance. Thirty-five ladies were present.

Mrs. Moyer, hostess for the afternoon, served refreshments before adjournment.

A picture show for the benefit of the Sunday school was taken under consideration. Plans will soon be announced.

Ice House Repairs.

Workmen are busy this week removing the old wooden floor from the ice house of Fred Nelson at Niles and substituting a floor of cement. To admit of this work the building is being raised about six inches.

This action, Mr. Nelson explained, was necessary to take proper care of large shipments of ice received during the summer months.

RHUBARB SHIPPED.

Centerville Farmer Sends 18 Boxes to San Francisco Commission Men.

Eighteen boxes of rhubarb were shipped by Frank Duarte of Centerville to San Francisco commission men Monday. This is the first shipment of rhubarb from Washington township for the season.

Some shipments were also sent from San Lorenzo earlier in the week.

Josephine Rector at Yolo Film Co.

Josephine Rector, formerly scenario editor of the Western Division of the Essanay Film Manufacturing Company at Niles, who recently was married to Hall P. Angus of Hayward, has taken a position with the Yolo Film company at Sacramento as leading lady.

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J. L. Olson and Miss Harriet Joyce to be Married Soon.

Announcement has been made of the coming wedding of Miss Harriet Joyce, postmistress at Decoto and J. L. Olson, proprietor of a general merchandise store at the same town.

Both are well known in this locality and their many friends join in extending them their congratulations.

The wedding will be solemnized shortly after Lent.

Congregational Church Notes.

The topics for the services at the Niles Congregational church next Sunday will be as follows:

11 a. m.—"Jesus and the Kingdom of God."

7:45 p. m.—"The Social Aims of Jesus."

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Last Sunday there were 60 persons present.

The Congregational church choir will give a St. Patrick's day social in the evening of Tuesday, March 16. Special interesting and appropriate features are being prepared. Everybody invited.

Picture Magazine Man Visits Niles

Charles R. Holmes, representing the Moving Picture News, of New York, a magazine devoted to photoplay people and their doings, was a Niles visitor Wednesday. He was the guest of Miss Vera Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt paid a visit to the office of the Washington Press, and while there volunteered the information that the columns of The Press were exclusively drawn upon by the New York magazine for news of the motion picture people at the big Essanay studio at Niles.

WILLIAM SILVA BURIED.

Newark Resident Dies After a Three Weeks' Confinement.

William Silva, twenty-eight years of age died at the home of his brother F. R. Silva at Newark, on February 23, after three weeks' illness caused by heart trouble and a stroke of paralysis.

Deceased was the son of the late M. R. Silva, who died two years ago. He graduated from the Newark grammar school and afterwards worked on the Patterson ranch; later he was employed at the store of J. A. Cone at Centerville. Three years ago illness compelled him to give up his situation.

He leaves to mourn his death, brothers and one sister, and a number of friends and relatives.

The funeral was held at the home of his brother, thence to the Centerville Catholic church, where a requiem high mass was said for the repose of his soul, Rev. Father Gonsalves officiating, assisted by Rev. Father Souza. The interment was under the direction of the Woodmen of the World, of which Mr. Silva was a member.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for the kindness and sympathies shown to us in our late bereavement over the death of our dear brother, who has left us for his last resting place.

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FOUND—Bicycle at Decoto. Inquire S. P. Agent, Decoto.

WANTED—Three young men to solicit on commission. Apply Irvington Postoffice.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for rent; rates reasonable. Mrs. Geneva Chase, Second and J. streets, Niles.

WOMEN TO HEAR ADDRESS

Miss Marguerite Ogden to Address Niles Body at Next Meeting.

Miss Marguerite Ogden, attorney at law, with offices in San Francisco, a daughter of Judge Ogden of Oakland,

will address the Niles Woman's club at its next meeting to be held a week from today, on the subject of laws that affect women and the home. Miss Ogden is an able speaker and is thoroughly familiar with her subject, and a large attendance is expected to hear her.

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